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House Resolution 1709

By: Representative Teilhet of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Keep Georgia Safe and the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network;
- 2 and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has three Emergency Alerts: Levi's Call, Georgia's
- 4 AMBER Alert for missing or abducted children; Mattie's Call, an alert for missing elderly
- 5 or disabled persons; and Kimberly's Call, a dangerous fugitive alert; and
- 6 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to notify the public when a child has been abducted,
- 7 an elderly or disabled person is missing, or a dangerous fugitive is at large; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Keep Georgia Safe operates the only alert network that sends all three of
- 9 Georgia's emergency alerts issued by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to subscribers' cell
- 10 phones and email free of charge; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network is the most efficient way to alert the
- 12 public to be on the look-out for a missing child, wandering elderly person, or dangerous
- 13 fugitive; and
- 14 WHEREAS, time is of the essence when a child has been abducted, as 74% of abducted
- 15 children that are killed are murdered within the first three hours of their abduction; and
- 16 WHEREAS, persons who join the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network may play a vital role
- in the safe recovery of an abducted child, finding a wandering Alzheimer's patient, or helping
- 18 the police locate a dangerous felon; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Georgians can join the Keep Georgia Safe Alert Network by simply visiting
- 20 keepgeorgiasafe.org and entering either a cell phone number or an email address in the text
- 21 boxes provided on the home page; and

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22 WHEREAS, the founder of Keep Georgia Safe, Gary Martin Hays, and the executive

- 23 director, Mary Ellen Fulkus, address a great public need and unselfishly invest their time,
- 24 talents, and resources to aid in the protection of Georgians; and
- 25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
- organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
- 27 recognized.
- 28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 29 the members of this body commend Keep Georgia Safe and the Keep Georgia Safe Alert
- 30 Network for working diligently to protect Georgians and help law enforcement recover
- 31 missing children, lost elderly or disabled individuals, and dangerous fugitives.
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the founder of Keep Georgia
- 34 Safe, Gary Martin Hays, and Executive Director Mary Ellen Fulkus.